

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SF  
SUBJECT: SOWETO QUIETER AS FIGHTING BREAKS OUT IN OTHER TOWNSHIPS

1. SOWETO SHOWS SIGNS OF LESS TENSION AFTER MORE THAN A WEEK OF SPORADIC VIOLENCE. SOME STUDENTS HAVE BEEN RETURNING TO CLASSES, THOUGH THE MAJOIRITY IS STILL OUT OF SCHOOL DESPITE MINISTER OF JUSTICE KRUGER'S THREAT TO CLOSE SCHOOL WITH INSUFFICIENT ATTENDANCE.

2. IN EVATON, A BLACK TOWNSHIP ABOUT 50 KM SOUTH OF JOHANNESBURG AND ONE SO FAR FREE OF ANY VIOLENCE, BLACKS ATTACKED A POST OFFICE VAN AND STONED THREE WORKERS, TWO BLACKS AND AN INDIAN. POLICE ARRESTED 230 OF EVATON RIOTERS, BUT PROMISED TO RELEASE THE MAJORITY OF THEM AFTER QUESTIONING.

3. SOWETO POLICE APPEAR TO BE MAKING GOOD ON "HARD LINE" THREAT AS NEWS REPORTS INDICATE RIOT POLICE HEAD KRIEL (NORMALLY BASED IN PRETORIA) CONTINUES TO OPERATE OUT OF SOWETO, WHILE JAN VISSER, DIVISIONAL POLICE COMMANDER OF SOWETO, ACKNOWLEDGED HIS

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MEN HAD PICKED UP SEVERAL SSRIC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EARLY TO SAY, IT APPEARS THE POLICE HAVE "HAD ENOUGH" WITH TOWNSHIP VIOLENCE AND HAVE BEGUN TO EQUATE POLITICAL "AGITATORS" WITH TSOTSI (HOODLUM) ELEMENTS. HENCE, THE OUTLOOK FOR ANY COOPERATION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND POLICE APPEARS

BLEAK AND POLICE-STUDENT RELATIONS MAY REMAIN OPEN  
CONFRONTATION FOR SOME TIME.  
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